

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently amended) A bag having heat sealed parts formed at left and right side edge portions of said bag and a bottom portion that is closed up, wherein, at the top of said bag, a first heat sealed part that closes up a top opening to seal the contents therein is formed along an upper edge portion of said bag and a second heat sealed part is formed diagonally to extend from said first heat sealed part to one of said side heat sealed parts ~~at the left and right side edge portions~~, and wherein, ~~when said bag is~~ can be opened by ripping along tearing below said upper edge portion from a ~~notch for opening, at least part of said first heat sealed part is ripped away and part of said second heat sealed part remains behind on a main part of said bag~~ side opposite the side contacted by said diagonal seal across the bag toward said diagonal seal.

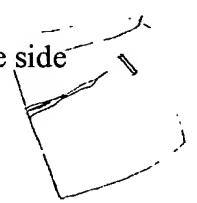
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2. (Original) The bag according to claim 1 wherein said bag is of free-standing type.

3. (Previously amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein said bag contains a cleaning agent or a chemical.

4. (Previously amended) The bag according to claim 1, wherein the contents of said bag are in the form of a powder or lumps.

5. (New) A bag according to claim 1 wherein said bag contains a notch on the side of the bag to facilitate said tearing.

6. (New) A method of dispensing the contents from a supported bag according to claim 1 comprising tearing the bag below said upper edge from a side opposite a side contacted by a diagonal seal and toward said diagonal seal to form an opening in the bag and tipping the bag to expel at least a portion of its contents.



7. (New) A method according to claim 6 wherein at least a portion of said upper seal remains connected to said bag after tearing.
